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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1616

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Examiner: Naim Sabiha Qazi

APPLICATION NO: 09/361,816

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FOR: PROCESS FOR IRRIGATION OF SOIL
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF AN APPLICATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.114**

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application Serial No. 09/361,816, filed on July 27, 1999, entitled **PROCESS FOR IRRIGATION OF SOIL WITH WATER AND COMPOSITIONS WHICH PROVIDE FERTILIZATION AND SOIL STABILIZATION BENEFITS** by the following named inventors: Simon Alexander Hanson Rose and Jayne Anne Turner.

1. ☒ Enter the Response After Final Rejection attached herewith.
2. ☒ A Petition for a One Month Extension is enclosed.
3. ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 Form and reference are enclosed.

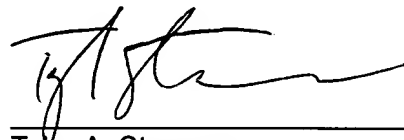
4. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1935 in the amount of \$750.00. Two additional copies of this paper are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-1935.
5. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by Applicant, Attorney or Agent of record)

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action was set to expire three months from the mailing date of this action on July 18, 2003.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Per the petition, Applicants invoke the benefit of 37 C.F. R. 1.136 to secure a one (1) month extension up to and including August 18, 2003.

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Applicants also take this opportunity to submit a translation of a Japanese reference 51-124578, which was prepared for prosecution in a related application in Europe. The reference not already of record is submitted herewith and cited on PTO form 1449.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate that the reference has been considered by returning an initialed copy of PTO form 1449.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows.